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Congressman John Mica  
Chairman  
House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee  
2165 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Mica:

We are contacting you today to express our strong support for the American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act of 2012 (H.R. 7), the multi-year federal surface transportation reauthorization legislation introduced this week. We support your commitment to move a long term bill that provides the stability our federal surface transportation programs require and increasing the role of the private sector in investment and provision of transportation services.

When passed, the American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act of 2012 assures that private school bus contractors are protected from unfair competition from publicly subsidized transit operators and affords them increased opportunities to partner with public transit in the provision of public transportation, reducing the burden on Federal, state and local taxpayers. The bill also provides for rational and reasonable safety regulation of the commercial motor vehicle passenger industry.

We thank you for your leadership in introducing the American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act of 2012 and look forward to working with you as the process moves forward.

Sincerely,

David Hobson  
Executive Director

Cc: Congressman John J. Duncan, Jr.